(b) whether Government have any plan to bring water into Union list to deal with various disputes between different States with regard to water;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) National Water Policy-2002 envisages that Private Sector Participation should be encouraged in planning, development and management of water resources projects for diverse uses, wherever feasible which may help in introducing innovative ideas, generating financial resources and introducing corporate management and improving service efficiency and accountability to users.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In case any dispute is referred to the Union Government by the concerned State Government, efforts are made to resolve the differences by negotiations failing which disputes are referred to tribunals for adjudication at the request of concerned States. The Government has amended the Inter-State Water Disputes Act in 2002 whereby the adjudication of the water disputes by a Tribunal has been made time-bound.

Irrigation Wells in Assam

2052. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of irrigation wells provided to small and marginal farmers in Assam during the last three years, district-wise; and

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes benefited under this scheme in the State during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per information provided by the Irrigation Department of Government of Assam, 356 Nos of deep tubewells in working condition and 964 Nos of shallow tubewells are provided to small and marginal farmers during the last three years. District-wise information is given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(b) 250 Scheduled Caste families and 510 Scheduled Tribe families have been benefited by the wells.

Statement

District-wise details of installed deep tubewells and shallow tubewells

S. No.	Name of District	Number of Deep tubewells installed.			Number of shallow tubewells installed			Number of families benefited by the wells	
		In working Condition	Not in Working condition	Total	In working Condition	Not in working condition	Total	S.C.	S.T.
1	2.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Kokrajhar	1	18	19	20	20	40	—	72
2.	Goalpara	18	26	44	30	16	46	—	80
3.	Dhubri	14	6	20	78	50	128	24	62
4.	Bongaigaon	8	22	30	7	35	42	20	—
5.	Barpeta	2	7	9	60	48	108	40	—
6.	Nalbari	24	35	59	71	68	139	30	—
7.	Kamrup	10	27	37	10	52	62	16	27
8.	Nagaon	18	7	25	62	22	84	—	20
9.	Morigaon	9	—	9	20	125	145	14	16
10.	Darrang	36	89	125	28	122	150	28	32
11.	Sonitpur	1	9	10	69	131	200	19	2

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12.	Lakhimpur	29	35	64	27	382	409	6	21
13.	Dhemaji	10	1	11	184	53	237	3	17
14.	Jorhat	44	42	86	67	260	327	—	96
15.	Golaghat	26	30	56	—	45	45	11	—
16.	Sibsagar	9	4	13	7	77	84	—	3
17.	Dibrugarh	27	—	27	135	186	321	18	27
18.	Tinsukia	58	7	65	89	14	103	6	35
19.	Cachar	1	—	1	—	—	—	3	—
20.	Hailakandi	3	6	9	—	—	—	5	—
21.	Karimganj	8	—	8	—	—	—	7	—
22.	Karbi Anglong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23.	N.C. Hills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total-Assam	356	371	727	964	1706	2670	250	510